



UNIVERSITY
BAPTIST CHURCH

UBC NEWS

CELEBRATING 175 YEARS
JULY 2025

**1219 University Ave SE
Minneapolis MN 55414**

Established 1850 at St. Anthony Falls, MN

From the Pastor

Reliving History

Way back in 1850 when our church was founded, Minnesota as a state was more of an idea than a reality. The land called Mni Sota Makoce was holy and stewarded by the Dakota people, who traced their creation stories to the rivers that flowed through what would become Minneapolis and St. Paul.

We know that lust for land and wealth outweighed the treaties the United States sought and signed with the Dakota peoples. Minnesota became a U.S. territory in 1849, the same year the First Baptist Church of St. Paul was founded. That church sent five members to the St. Anthony Falls area to join five others in founding the First Baptist Church of St. Anthony on July 13, 1850, the beginning of what would become UBC.

As the leaders of the Minnesota Territory sought statehood, they needed significant numbers of White men, a requirement put in place by the U.S. Government. A set of treaties in 1851 with



the Dakota were flawed and soon violated by the government. The Dakota were forcibly removed, but not without significant resistance the led to the U.S.-Dakota war of 1862.

Meanwhile, Owámniyomni, renamed St. Anthony Falls, attracted many new White and free Black citizens. Mills grew, as did the town of St. Anthony. Churches of many denominations sprang up, some sharing buildings in those early years. By the time Minnesota had enough White men to garner statehood in 1858, the First Baptist Church of St. Anthony had built its own plain little chapel. Lumber mills and then railroads were economic drivers, later to be replaced by grain milling. Church leaders came and went.

By the time the Civil War was raging, half a continent away, the church was taking actions to support Black churches forming here, too. We have celebrated our abolitionist history. But what of the Dakota who were removed to make room for the "settlers"? It's an unsettling history. *Continued on page 2*

July Worship Schedule

July 6 (at UBC)

Preaching: Jane McBride

Sermon: TBD

Worship Leader: Deidre Druk

July 13 (at UBC)

Preaching: Doug Donley

Sermon: "175 years... What have we learned?"

Worship Leader: Gayla Marty

July 20 (at FCC)

Preaching: Jane McBride

Sermon: TBD

July 27 (at FCC)

Preaching: Doug Donley

Sermon: "River Passages"

Joint Services in July with First Congregational Church

As we have done for decades, we will share a month of Sundays with our friends at First Congregational Church starting at **UBC on July 6 and 13**. We'll delve into the histories of our two churches, neighborhoods, and the eras in which they've lived.

Listen as our preachers uncover hidden histories, buried stories—some very troubling—which are embedded in our roots and our identities.

It's a time of learning, and inquiring: How do we now relate to these persistent, acknowledged, complex interweavings? How do they speak to what we are, and the good that we want to yet become?

This searching perspective on our histories moves with us to the **First Congregational Church (500 8th Ave. SE) for worship on July 20 and 27**.

Founding Day, July 13

Our 10 o'clock service will reflect on the year 1850 in St. Anthony, with music of the time. Rev. Nadean Bishop will give the scripture, Rev. Bill Englund from our mother church of First Baptist in St. Paul will give remarks, and Pastor Doug Donley will preach. The service will be followed by an ice cream social on the lawn with our friends from FCC!

Pastor - continued

We often think about the bravery and the resilience of those early pioneers. And yet there is this tragic underbelly to the story of our founding.

As the 21st-century recipients of our congregation's 175 years, we remind ourselves that truth has many sides. As the Wizard says in the play *Wicked*, "We believe all sorts of things that aren't true. We call it history."

And so, as we celebrate the vision and resilience of our ancestors, we also redouble our commitment to making our church, our city, and

our nation a bit more just, a bit more hopeful, a bit more accountable, a bit braver as we write the next chapters of our history.

I look forward to celebrating our history and our legacy and reflecting and acting upon our responsibilities as followers of Jesus, who always advocated for those whose voices have been left out of the conversation and the story.

Blessings and Peace,

Doug Donley

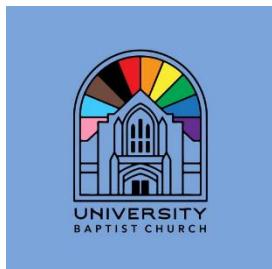
Calendar for July

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
		5:30 pm Sacred Harp 7 p.m. Anti-Racism Work	9 am Garden Team 11 a.m. Handcraft Group	6:30 pm Caregiver Support Group	<i>Office Closed</i>	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:15 a.m. Pick up Choir @ UBC 10 a.m. Worship @ UBC Communion Joys & Concerns 11 a.m. Coffee Time	7 p.m. Book Chat	11:15 am Meals on Wheels 5:30 p.m. Sacred Harp 7 p.m. Memoir Group	9 a.m. Garden Team 11:15 am Meals on Wheels	11:15 am Meals on Wheels	11:15 am Meals on Wheels	1 p.m. Book Group 2 p.m. Wild Church
13 Founding Day	14	15	16	17	18	19
10 a.m. Worship @ UBC Joys & Concerns 11 a.m. Ice Cream Social		5:30 p.m. Sacred Harp	9 a.m. Garden Team			1 p.m. Card Club
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9 a.m. Pick up Choir @ FCC 10 a.m. Worship @ FCC 11 a.m. Coffee Time	7 p.m. Knitting Group	5:30 p.m. Sacred Harp 7 p.m. Memoir Group	9 a.m. Garden Team 1 p.m. UBC FCC Task Force		<i>Newsletter deadline</i>	10 a.m. Spanish Conversation
27	28	29	30	31		
10 a.m. Worship at FCC 11 a.m. Coffee Time 4 p.m. Sacred Harp		5:30 p.m. Sacred Harp	9 a.m. Garden Team			

What's Going On

Sunday Morning Worship

July 6 & 13 at UBC with FCC



10 a.m. - Worship in the UBC sanctuary

10 a.m. - Or join via livestream on the [UBC YouTube](#) page (search University Baptist Church Minneapolis MN).

When the livestream ends - Joys & Concerns (also on Zoom)

ZOOM INFO: Meeting ID 839 4725 7444 passcode 257750

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83947257444?pwd=cFZCWEdqUkR0RDgwT0JwT3hrQ3FpUT09>

Following Joys & Concerns - Coffee time in the garden (weather permitting)

July 20 & 27 at FCC, 500 8th Ave SE, Minneapolis 55414



9:30 a.m. - Coffee time

10 a.m. - Worship in the FCC sanctuary

The service bulletin is here: <https://firstchurchmn.org/worship/>

10 a.m. - Or join via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83928727469?pwd=WFhzWkJFQjBhTl4UEUvdWRhS2lKdz09>

(No password should be needed, as it is embedded in the link. However, if you are asked for one, it is: 890967)

To dial in Zoom by phone call 1-312-626-6799. When prompted, enter 839 2872 7469#. Next, you will be prompted to enter your participant ID or to push #; simply push # again.

10 a.m. - Or join via livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIKIzKsfXYsVuUG-unNAccQ>

11:15 a.m. - Coffee time

GROUPS ON HAITUS UNTIL SEPTEMBER:

- Forums and Sunday School
- Saturday Bible Study
- Journeys Bible Study
- Choir
- Bells
- Every Meal

University Avenue remains closed through early July

The rains at the end of June have delayed work on University Avenue between 15th Avenue and Oak Street. The road is now scheduled to reopen on Monday, July 7.

More of What's Going On



Sacred Harp Singing - Tuesdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Sundays (2nd & 4th), 4-6 p.m. at UBC in Room 303. No experience or talent necessary!

UBC Anti-Racism Work - Tuesday, July 1, 7 p.m. via Zoom.

The main agenda item is a discussion of the group's direction and goals. We will also consider the possibility of additional summer meetings. All are welcome!



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UBC-FCC Daytime Handcraft Group - July 2 (1st Wednesday), 11 a.m.

at First Congregational Church (500 8th Ave. SE) in the Parlor. If you are interested and want to be on a distribution list, please let Marilyn Burns (from FCC) know at mbsnoobear@mac.com.

Garden Team - Wednesdays, 9 a.m.

Come help beautify our church gardens! We have tools and gloves available, and will mostly work on weeding, pruning and watering. Park in the Mormon lot or behind the church. Feel free to join us whenever you're available! If you have any questions, please contact Betsy Kerr at 612-877-2018 or bjkerr@umn.edu.

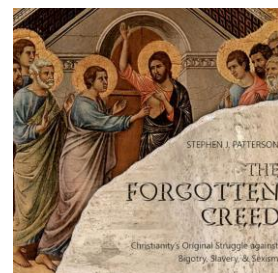


Caregiver Support Group - July 3 (1st Thursday), 6:30 p.m. UBCers who care for a parent, family member, or friend meet for support. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Lubke at jeanlubke01@gmail.com.

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82900066861?pwd=RUQ1eGhYN1RzWTJCR0VTNG1JNFVsUT09>

Book Discussion - July 7, 7 p.m. via Zoom. We will discuss Chapter 6 of *The Forgotten Creed: Christianity's Original Struggle Against Bigotry, Slavery, and Sexism*, by Stephen J. Patterson (Oxford, 2018). The book is a study of the history of Galatians 3:26-28, which we often use as an affirmation in our worship. We will pick a date in August to discuss the conclusion. Questions? Contact Gayla Marty at 612-845-8417 or gaylamarty@gmail.com.



Meals on Wheels - July 8-11 (Tuesday-Friday first full week of the month). Meals are picked up around 11:15 a.m. and the route in SE Minneapolis usually takes less than two hours. We're always looking for substitute drivers. If you

More of What's Going On



Memoir Writing Group - July 8 & 22 (every other Tuesday), 7 p.m. Prompts include *UBC Memories*. If you have any questions, please contact Trish Donley at 612-386-2856 or patricia.donley63@gmail.com.

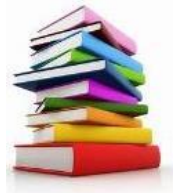
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Grace in Contemporary Literature by Women Book Group - July 12 (2nd Saturday), 1 p.m. The book this month is *The Secret Keeper of Jaipur* by Alka Joshi. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.

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Wild Church Gathering - July 12 (2nd Saturday), 2 p.m. at the Peace statue by Nicollet Island Pavillion. We will join together with friends from ULCN and FCC. During our time together, we will ground ourselves in scripture, poetry, and song before embarking on a time of wandering. We will close with a time of reflection and sharing. The Wild Church movement invites us to reshape our relationship with creation through outdoor worship. See more info here: <https://www.wildchurchnetwork.com/>

Ice Cream Social - July 13, 11 a.m. Join us on the church lawn for ice cream treats and fellowship after the service. Lemonade and iced tea will also be served - and, if it's not blazing hot outside, coffee, too. Visit with our friends from First Congregational and other visitors we are expecting to join us for Founding Day! (see p. 2)



Card Club - Saturday, July 19, 1 p.m. at Jean Lubke's home. This group meets monthly to learn card-making techniques, share ideas, and make beautiful greeting cards. Due to the limited space and the need to prepare materials, registration is needed for each month's session. If you are interested, please contact Jean at jeanlubke01@gmail.com or 651-295-7525.

UBC-FCC Knitting Group - July 21 (3rd Monday), 7 p.m. at First Congregational Church, 500 SE 8th Ave., Minneapolis. Mercedes Tuma-Hansen will host. The group is made up of stitchers from UBC and First Congregational Church. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Follett at chrisf2828@yahoo.com.

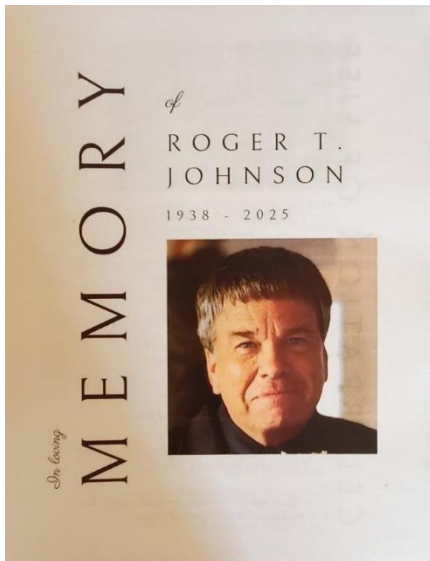


Spanish Conversation Group - July 26 (4th Saturday), 10 a.m. at Curioso Coffee Shop, 1712 Marshall St NE, Minneapolis. Join folks from UBC and First Congregational Church to practice your Spanish. If you have any questions, please contact Deidre Druk at deidredruk@aol.com.

A loving farewell for Roger Johnson

The celebration of life for longtime UBC member Roger Johnson filled the sanctuary on Saturday, June 7. Roger was a beloved professor at the University of Minnesota for nearly 50 years, where he and his brother, David, pioneered the field of cooperative education. David was among those who gave a moving eulogy. Roger's wife Anne, their children Todd, Kristin, Tim (Jack), and their families added a bell for Roger to the UBC bell banners during the service. The many guests filled the assembly room and tables on the lawn for a luncheon reception.

Photos by Chris Follett





We said goodbye to **Iris Guo** as she returns to China after spending her senior high school year living with Jean Lubke. We sent her off with our prayers and a small quilt made by Jean.

Photo by Chris Follett

Transitions

We celebrated **Valeria's** 2nd birthday at the coffee hour on a very hot June 22 with an elaborate spread of food including cupcakes with sprinkles.

(Below) Nana Jean chats up Valeria.

Photo by Trish Donley



Parents Ani and Francisco posed with Valeria in front of the birthday sign and the cupcakes shaped like a "2".

Photo by Jean Lubke



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2025 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The 174th Annual Congregational Meeting of University Baptist Church took place on June 8, 2025, preceded by a potluck. Below are highlights of that meeting:

Membership: UBC currently has 73 active members, and two new members were added this past year (Violet Butler and Zena Hamilton).

Pastor's Report: Pastor Doug is enthused by the energy of the congregation as we move into new territory, such as deeper anti-racism work, building issues, and marketing.

Council Report: Jean Lubke began her report by thanking council members for their service, with particular emphasis on the discernment process, leading to the addition of Maura Dunst as Marketing Manager of UBC, as well an assessment of the building.

Church Life Report. Church Life was co-led by Margie Garmers and Betty Shaw this year, and next year Margie will lead the committee alone. Gayla Marty will continue to coordinate forums, and Betty Shaw will continue to coordinate coffee time.

Communications/Marketing Report. Maura Dunst shared the communications/marketing report with the congregation. She introduced the beautiful new UBC graphic identity, branding, and logo.

Outreach Report: Karole Graham and Kim Donley co-led the Outreach committee this year. We added Faithful Hospitality to our outreach activities this past year.

Property Report: Patrick Mavity presented the property report. Highlights include challenges posed by the building in prioritizing improvements.

Talent Team Report:

We still need for volunteers in the following areas:

- President Elect
- Outreach Co-Coordinator
- Property Coordinator
- Daycare Staffing Coordinator
- Campus Ministry
- Church Growth
- Personnel Committee Member

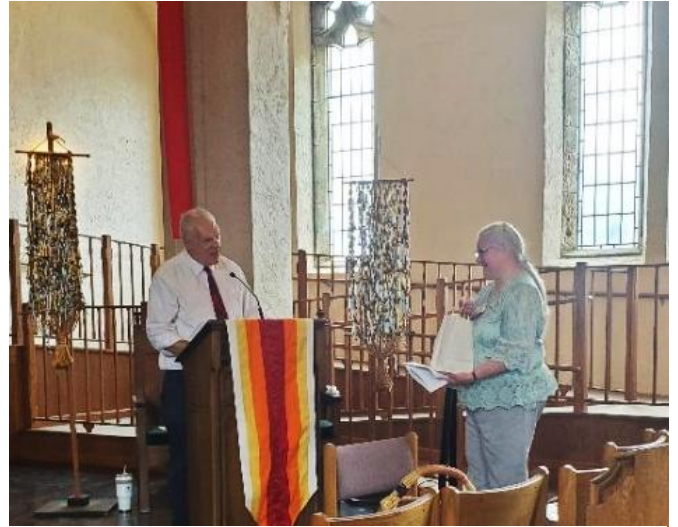
Financial Reports:

2023-24 report: We ended the year with a deficit of \$1,301.

(NOTE: 2024-25 balance/deficit TBD)

2025-26 proposed budget: Pledge amount is \$207,933

John Medeiros, Church Clerk



Doug presented Jean Lubke with a thank you gift for her hard work this year as President of the church council

Photo by Chris Follett

An Invitation

We would love to see you as we celebrate the 175th anniversary of University Baptist Church! If you can't attend in person, join us by livestream on Sunday mornings from 10-11am. We would also appreciate it if you write a memory of UBC and send it to us at marketing@ubcmn.org or to our mailing address.

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We look forward to seeing many of you in the coming months to share the joy of UBC's legacy and God's continuing revelation.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Doug Donley and the 175th Anniversary Committee:

Chris Follett, Don Follett, Elwyn Alexander Fraser Jr., Harriet Johnson, Howard Johnson, Gayla Marty (chair), Betty Shaw, Sue Wester, Terri Wottrich

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025 - FOUNDING DAY

Reflections on 1850 with music of the time

10 am - Worship followed by an ice cream social on the lawn

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 - PICNIC

Welcome back picnic after church

10 am - Worship followed by lunch on the lawn

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 - PICTURING THE PAST

Illustrated presentation of our locations in St. Anthony/S.E. Minneapolis by architectural historian Kristin Anderson

11:30 am

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 - BLOCK PARTY

Arts and fun with our Dinkytown neighbors

12-6 pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 - ALL SAINTS

Honoring loved ones and leaders who have joined our great cloud of witnesses

10 am - Worship followed by extended fellowship

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 - BUILDING TOUR

Tour our 100-year-old building with historical preservation experts

11:30 am

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

Lessons and carols with musical prelude

4:30 pm

Happy 175th Birthday to UBC!

Editor's note: This article is an excerpt of a booklet created for UBC's 125th Anniversary in 1975, which in turn summarized a centennial booklet published in 1950. This month we focus on the first 100 years. Historical segments covering 1950 to 2025 will appear in upcoming issues.

A group of Baptists organized the First Baptist Church of St. Anthony on **July 13, 1850**, the second oldest Baptist Church in Minnesota, which had become a territory the year before.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ST. ANTHONY, 1850-1879

For 18 months there wasn't a regular minister, and services were held in a school house on University Avenue and Second Avenue, also being used by other churches. The Rev. Lyman Palmer became minister in April, 1852, and shortly the church moved into a chapel at Second Street and Third Avenue. He organized the first denominational Sunday School in 1854. At that time the Mississippi River was used for baptism.

The chapel was sold in 1861, and services were then held on the second floor of a dry goods store on Main and Fourth Avenue. In 1867, Asa Drury, a Professor of Theology at Covington, Kentucky, became pastor. His enthusiasm resulted in building a new church which was dedicated in 1870, and was moved in 1873 to Fifth Street and Fourth Avenue Southeast, where a baptistry was installed. Previously, baptisms were held in a ravine near Eighth and University Avenues by damming up the water the night before the event.

A Women's Union, succeeding the Ladies Aid Society, was organized in 1893. In 1871 the Sunday School was reorganized, growing from

80 to 146 members in one year. The first University of Minnesota class started in 1878.

St. Anthony was incorporated into the city of Minneapolis the next year. Because there was a First Baptist Church of Minneapolis, the church changed its name to Olivet.

OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH, 1879-1921

The Rev. Marion Shutter, just graduated from seminary, became the minister in 1881. Under his guidance, plans were started for a new church to be located at Fifth Street and Ninth Avenue Southeast with a projected cost of \$17,000. Mr. Shutter left a year before the church was finished in 1885 leaving a membership of 153 and a large mortgage of \$12,500. The First Methodist Church, in need of larger quarters, traded its building at Thirteen Avenue and Fourth Street for the church at Fifth Street and Ninth Avenue in 1890 and assumed the mortgage, leaving Olivet Baptist debt free. Pastor W.P. McKee, minister through a ten-year period, resigned in 1897, following a controversial pastorate where "doctrinal issues" were debated.

The Prospect Hill Mission Sunday School became a part of church activities in 1901, and the church worked with resident-dormitory University students.

A successful series of evangelistic meetings were held in 1902, led by J.W. Clevenger and E.M. Fagenstrom. The Rev. Rutledge Wiltbank became minister in 1906. Meetings with the State Convention officials were arranged for the church to serve the University students, with an assistant pastor selected for student work.

In 1908, several families moved memberships from the Swedish Baptist Church to Olivet. This
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was an active era for Olivet, as membership rose to 339. The Prospect Hill Mission Sunday School was transferred to the old Bethel Academy in St. Anthony Park in 1912.

Dr. John Gow was pastor during planning of the future for Olivet Church and its relationship to University students, and during this period Edwin Dahlberg was licensed to preach. He later became president of the National Council of Churches. Dr. Gow died suddenly in 1918, and the Rev. Norman Henderson became pastor, adding energy to a new building program.

In 1921, property lots were purchased at University and 13th Avenue, and the Minnesota Baptist Convention authorized a University Baptist bond issue of \$75,000 at 6 percent for building. In 1921, the church's name was changed to University Baptist Church with a new constitution and by-laws.

UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH, 1921-1950

In November 1921, a processional from Olivet Church to the new University Baptist Church preceded the laying of the cornerstone. The first service was held in the assembly room October 29, 1922. A Fathers and Sons' banquet was held and the gymnasium was dedicated. Services by the Christian Endeavor Society, women's groups, Bible School, Students' Union were also held that week.

Pastor Henderson resigned in 1923 and was succeeded by the Rev. Frank Jennings of Lawrence, Kansas. He worked to fund the completion of the church auditorium, finally dedicated in 1927, and named Pope Memorial Auditorium, honoring the man, E.R. Pope, Executive Secretary of Minnesota Baptist Convention, whose vision and effort were primarily responsible. Title to the building was transferred to the Board of Education of the Northern Baptist Convention in 1929. During

the '20s, the young people's society attendance on Sunday evenings reached 100, and the Bible School had an enrollment of 287.

George Fetter was pastor 1929-1946, [then] longest pastorate in UBC history. The financial crash of 1929, followed by the depression years, influenced finances of the church. In 1936, a 15-member Building Fund Committee headed by Lloyd Short and Robert Erskine sought to raise funds to retire the mortgage, and did so by the church's 90th anniversary in 1940. A post-war planning committee, formed in 1945, made a
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**Former pastors who attended the 125th
Anniversary in 1975**

l to r: Associate Pastor Dennis Stull (1973-75), David Bartlett (1973-75), Interim Pastor Robert Phillips (1972), J. Kenneth Huyck (1963-71), Homer Shafer (1960-63), John Bone (1947-59).

WE WANT YOUR STORIES!!



Do you have any special memories about your time at UBC to share? What brought you to UBC? Did you grow up here? Did you raise your kids here? Did you get married here? Do you remember your first Sunday? What was/is different about worship here? Have you been on any committees? Have you led any committees? How have you seen the church respond to world events? Do you have a baptism story to share? Any memories of pastors who were especially meaningful to you? Have you been part of the choir or the bell choir? What keeps you coming back?

These are just some prompts to get you thinking. The *UBC News* will be publishing memories of past church events over the next year. Those stories and others will be compiled into a booklet next summer. If you have a story to tell about UBC, please contact Chris Follett.

If you want, consider attending our Memoirs group on Zoom every other Tuesday at 7 p.m., where we read our stories and give each other feedback. Maybe this will give you the impetus you need to get writing! Nothing fancy here! No writing experience necessary! If you are interested in the Memoirs group, please contact Trish Donley.

Inclusive Language Hymnal Grant Awarded

UBC has been awarded \$25K by the Calvin Institute to re-revision our inclusive language (blue) hymnal! We will spend 2025-2026 researching hymnody and further advancing the inclusivity of our musical worship to be more multilingual, more focused on anti-racism, with hymns reflecting more varied musical traditions.

We will have a hymn-writing contest where we commission some new hymns written for us. We will digitize the hymns that were hand-typed in the 1980's with larger print and the texts aligned to the music. We will create topical, first line, hymn tune, and scriptural indices for ease of worship planning. Then once our new inclusive hymnal is produced, we'll find creative ways of sharing our music and our learnings with our sister congregations. Look forward to forums, workshops, and retreats focused on learning about, discussing, and maybe even writing hymns!

Thank You Donors!

Thanks to everyone who "sponsored" our marketing efforts of banners and flags. All items have been covered.

History - continued

comprehensive report on church goals, including membership, finances, church school student work, youth program, music and church building.

To be continued! University Baptist Church's history since 1950 includes the pastors pictured on page 12 in 1975 and their successors, Rev. Freeman, Rev. Dr. Nadean Bishop, and Rev. Doug Donley.

Financial Secretary's Report

Our 2024-25 fiscal year ended on June 30. We anticipate meeting our income goals; however, final surplus or deficit will not be available until later in July. An updated year-end income statement will be published in the next newsletter.

Most of our income (58%) comes from pledges made by members. As of June 22, we are slightly behind, however since I was out of town the last week of the month, this number should increase.

Rental income is running right on track. Rental income of \$72,004 covers approximately 20% of our budget.

Other gifts and miscellaneous income provide 4% of our budget. Thanks to some generous donations, we are ahead of budget on this item. The UBC Foundation distribution is 18%, which includes \$34,401 for the property manager position.

Operating Income 2024-25	%	Budget	Expected	Received	Over (short)
Pledge Income	58	\$203,834	\$203,834	\$198,173	(\$5,661)
Rental Income	20	\$72,004	\$72,004	\$71,742	(\$262)
Misc income*	4	<u>\$15,000</u>	\$15,000	\$28,070	\$13,070
Subtotal		\$290,838	\$290,838	\$297,985	\$7,147
Foundation Contribution	18	<u>\$61,732</u>		-	
Total Operating Income	100	\$352,570			

*individual gifts, loose offering & miscellaneous income

We have received \$990 for marginalized communities, the dedicated offering for May and June.

- Chris Follett, Financial Secretary

2025-26 UBC Wish List

These are items that don't fit in the budget but would be really nice to have. Please contact Chris Follett if you would like to donate toward these items.

1. A new church sign on University Ave. that faces oncoming traffic
1. A big welcoming banner on the west side of the building visible to people driving or walking on University Avenue
2. Upgrade or replacement of our playground equipment
3. New bell table covers (\$3,000)
4. New short-sleeved bell shirts (\$1,000)
5. Wiring and electric stoves for apartment and lounge kitchen (\$6,000)
6. New furniture (couch, chairs, etc.) for nursery (\$3,000)
7. Update and publish inclusive language hymnals



Scan this QR code to be directed to our web page where there are a variety of causes to donate to.

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR JULY & AUGUST

Southeast Minneapolis Partners

The Outreach special missions focus for July and August will be community partners in Southeast Minneapolis. These might include Native American organizations, Every Meal, and Southeast Seniors, as well as other organizations. Thank you for your donations!

You can drop your offering in the offering plate, send a check to the church, designate a gift directly from your bank, or use our online portal for giving on the UBC website, www.UBCmn.org.

Thank you for your ongoing outreach support!!

Karole Graham, Outreach Team Coordinator

The Outreach mission focus for the 2025-26 fiscal year

will be very similar to what we have supported in the past. However, since this is our 175th anniversary year, we would like to highlight mission partners with whom we share a history. These might include Native American and Black-focused organizations, which tie into our history of abolition and land appropriation. If you have suggestions of groups that might benefit from our donations, please let us know.

Karole Graham, Kim Donley and Howard Johnson

Mission Giving

July and August - Southeast Minneapolis mission partners

September and October - Nicaraguan Ministries and Shigaki Travel Fund

November and December - Justice Organizations

January and February - ABCUSA Ministries not covered in our budget

March and April - groups that support Childhood Health and Hunger

May and June - organizations that support marginalized groups in the Twin Cities

New African flags in the sanctuary

In July, a set of eight new, colorful flags will appear in the sanctuary. Jean Lubke made the flags with African fabrics gifted by Elizabeth Moriera, Director of Project Minnesota Léon. The fabrics had belonged to Elizabeth's sister, Rev. Margaret (Meg) Sander, a missionary representing the ELCA (Lutheran) church in Tanzania in the mid 1990's. She bought a few of the cloths, but most were gifts to her from residents of the local community where she was serving.

One of the flags has "eyes" and a message in Swahili (USIMDHARAU USIYEMJUA) which translates to "Don't underestimate someone you don't know." (There's a sermon in there somewhere!)

More flags and cloths from the collection will be coming next year!

Volunteer opportunities this summer

Meals on Wheels

UBC has an opportunity to participate in Meals on Wheels on Tues-Fri of the first full week of the month. Meals are picked up around 11:15 a.m. and the route in SE Minneapolis usually takes 1-2 hours. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a ride-along, please contact Marie LaFrance at marielafrance46@gmail.com

Loaves & Fishes - Friday, August 29, 2-7 p.m., 1816 Portland Ave. S., Minneapolis 55404. Parking is available on Portland Ave. or in the small lot on the alley west of the building. We'll need about four people for food prep between 2 and 5 p.m., about six people for packing to-go containers from 4:30 to 6 p.m., and a couple people to help with clean-up until about 7 p.m. Let Steve Lee know if you can help at steven.lee@thrivent.com or 612-844-8194 or 763-645-9499.

UBC History Research

We have unorganized archives at the church as well as 19 boxes of files and other materials at the Minnesota History Center. If you would like to help organize files at the church or join a team going over to the History Center sometime Wed-Sat, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 1-4 p.m., please contact Gayla Marty at gaylamarty@gmail.com

175th Anniversary

If you can help at the Ice Cream Social on July 13, please contact Margie Garmers at mgarmers01@gmail.com or Gayla Marty at gaylamarty@gmail.com. We are also recruiting volunteers to help plan, create, and implement the other events in the list on page 10! Join us!

Super Weeder



During the service June 12



In the rain June 18

Photos of Chris Follett by Trish Donley
Join the Garden Team Wednesdays at 9 am!

Thoughts from a father

By Elwyn Fraser

On my 1st Father's Day as a Father Advocate - Case Manager, I felt compelled to pen the following. Whether as a fellow father or simply a fellow human being, I pray you find hope & healing in these words.

You are never not enough.
Burned by your mistakes.
Overwhelmed by your heartache.
You are never not enough.

You always have more to learn.
Lifted high in your triumphs.
Overwhelmed by their praises.
You always have more to learn.

How we father our children echoes into infinity.
Ripples upon the shore of our masculinity,
Our children can, at times, find our greatest power in our vulnerability.
Being willing to show grace, emotion, nuance.
Strength not in our fist or our tone,
but in our eyes that see you to your core... and love you ever more.
We help protect you not just from bad actors, but from your own self-forsaking choices.
Burdened by the traumas of our past and blessed by the silvery wisdom they can bring, we can do our best to help our future learn from our history instead of reflect it.
And when we must allow our children to learn from their own mistakes, we have the strength to safely rest beside them until they are ready to stand again and walk a healthier path forward.

Whether through negative media or harmful parenting, it is a soul-deafening injustice to nurture anyone into an emotionless toxic human being - as if society only has the capacity to ultimately forsake themselves.

It is a worthwhile redemption to breathe life into one's full spectrum of emotion. For, the world they must conquer is not Earth, but themselves. As their self-awareness and social emotional learning grows, so too does their unlocked capacity for a thriving family - if that be their personal choice forward.

Of course, these are only a few nuances of nearly countless nature, nurture, systemic, and environmental factors to a thriving fatherhood and thriving families that affect evermore peace in society.

Eternally thankful am I for the lessons I continue to learn on my own personal path as a father and professional path as a Father Advocate - Case Manager. Sincerely, blessings to you and yours and Happy Father's Day.



Elyas, Lynnette and Elwyn Fraser
celebrate Father's Day.

Photo by Lynnette Fraser

**UBC at
Pride
June 28-29**



Doug and Kim Donley and two folks from First Congregational set up the UBC/FCC Pride Booth.



Above: Karole Graham, Doug and Howard Johnson at the booth Saturday morning.

Photo by Cynthia Hendricks



July Birthdays

- 3** Ginny Gray, Camille Weinfurter
- 5** Howard Johnson
- 6** Andrew Lee
- 7** Tyler Wottrich
- 14** Doug Donley, Gene Velasco
- 16** Insook Lee
- 24** Jim Williams
- 25** Theodore "Finn" Loch
- 28** Pete Dahlberg
- 30** Deidre Druk, Vicki Jo Fadden-Gutenkauf, Eloy Fraser
- 31** Elyas Fraser

July Anniversaries

- 7** Colleen & Jim Moravek
- 24** Laura & Ben Justin

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In the baptistery on Maundy Thursday

Pastor Doug washed Peter Justin's feet, and
Andrew Justin washed Pastor's feet.

Photos by Laura Justin

